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Biographical Notes of Wan Li

Born in 1916 and a native of Shangdong Province, Wan Li is now Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and Member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Wan Li joined the CPC in 1936. During World War II, Wan Li played a leading role in his hometown in the War of Resistance against Japan (1937-1945) and served successively as secretary of a county Party committee and secretary of a prefectural Party committee. During the Chinese people's Third Revolutionary Civil War (1946-1949), he served successively as secretary-general of the Party committee of the Hebei-Shangdong-Henan liberated area, Deputy Director of the Financial and Economic Committee of the Nanjing Military Control Commission, Head of its Economic Department and Director of its Construction Bureau. After the founding of the People's Republic of China, he served successively as Deputy Head and then Head of the Industrial Department of the Southwest China Military and Administrative Committee, Vice-Minister of Building of the Central People's Government, Minister of Urban Construction of the Central People's Government, Secretary of the Beijing Municipal Party Committee and concurrently Deputy Mayor of Beijing, Minister of Railways, First Secretary of the Anhui Provincial Party Committee and concurrently Governor of Anhui Province and First Political Commissar of the Anhui Military Command. In 1980, he became Member of the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the CPC and Vice-Premier of the State Council. He was also Minister in charge of the State Agricultural Commission from 1980 to 1982. He was elected Member of the Political Bureau of the Twelfth Central Committee of the CPC in 1982 and Member of the Political Bureau of the Thirteenth Central Committee of the CPC in 1987. He became Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Seventh National People's Congress in April 1988.

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